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TITLE: Method and apparatus for transmitting data over a network within a specified time limit

CLAIMS:

43. A method as in claim 41, including the step of: sending to the receiver, in response to absence of receipt by the end of a first interval of time of a message from the receiver identifying a data block as having been successfully received, a request for a message identifying successfully received data blocks, and wherein said retransmitting step is responsive to continued absence of receipt by the end of a second and later interval of time, of a message from the receiver that the data block has been successfully received, to retransmit the data block to the receiver.

60. A method as in claim 57, including the step of: sending to the receiver, in response to absence of receipt by the end of a first interval of time of a message from the receiver identifying a data block as having been successfully received, a request for a message identifying successfully received data blocks, and wherein said retransmitting step is responsive to continued absence of receipt by the end of a second and later interval of time, of a message from the receiver that the data block has been successfully received, to retransmit the data block to the receiver.